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GRAEFER'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JOHN GRAEFER, of Mile End, in the Parish of Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Botannic Gardener, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, in and by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Thirtieth day of December, in the twenty-first year of His said Majesties reign, did give and grant unto me, the said John Graefer, my exors, admors, and assigns, His especial licence, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said John Graefer, my exors, admors, and assigns, and every of them, by myself and themselves, or by mine and their deputy or deputies, servants, or agents, or such others as I, the said John Graefer, my exors, admors, or assigns, should at any time agree with and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within that part of His Majestie's Kingdom of Great Britain called England, His Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, in such manner as to me, the said John Graefer, my exors, admors, or assigns should seem meet, my Invention of "THE ART OF DRYING AND PREPARING A VEGETABLE OF THE BRASSICA KIND, GENERALLY KNOWN BY THE NAME OF GREEN AND BROWN BORECOLE, SCOTCH OR OTHER KALE, SO AS TO KEEP A TWELVEMONTH OR LONGER WITHOUT LOOSING ANY OF ITS REAL NATURAL FLAVOUR, AND MAKE IT AN EXCELLENT FOOD, AND ITS VIRTUE A GREAT PREVENTIVE OF SCORBUTIC DISORDERS, WHICH WILL BE OF GREAT PUBLIC UTILITY, PARTICULARLY TO HIS SAID MAJESTIE'S

NAVY," for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the date thereof next and immediately ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended; in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso or condition that if I, the said John Graefer, should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, and cause the same to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery within four calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent, that then the said Letters Patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever thereby granted, should utterly cease, determine, and become void, anything therein-before declared to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding, as in and by the said in part recited Letters Patent, reference being thereunto had, will more fully and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said John Graefer, in obedience to and performance of the said proviso or condition contained in the said in part recited Letters Patent, do, by this present deed or instrument in writing under my hand and seal, and intended to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery, hereby particularly describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, that is to say:—

Put about one pound of salt into twenty gallons of water, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity required; boil the same, and then put in the vegetables, where they must remain for the space of a minute or thereabouts, and then taken out and hung by seperate plants on lines or small hooks fixed to laths in a room previously impregnated with heat or fumigation, by means of a buzaglo or any other stove, or a steam issuing through funnels, or by the natural heat of the sun or atmosphere, where they must continue until they are perfectly dry. In order to compleat them for exportation they must, after they are dried as above, be removed into a damp room, in order to imbibe a sufficient degree of humidity to prevent their crumbling or falling to pieces in the packing.

In witness whereof, I, the said John Graefer, have hereunto set my hand and seal, the Twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOHN (L.S.) GRAEFER.

Sealed and delivered, being first duly stampt, in the presence of

E. FOULKES.
W^M CABEL.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the Twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1781, the aforesaid John Graefer came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stampt according to the tenor of the Statutes made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King and Queen Wm and Mary of England, and so forth, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third.

Inrolled the Twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

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